



A BALANCED VIEW

Election of Board Members

Last September ballots were sent to all members for the election of two of the six seats on the Board of Directors, and the position of President. Jerry Katz, a long time member of ISASC and the Board was reelected for a three year term ending December 31, 2005.

Also elected as a new member to the Board for a term ending at the same time was Peter Laycock. Peter is also a long time member of ISASC who lives in North York, Ontario, Canada. Peter will be the Secretary of the Board. He takes the place of Norm Cima.

Norm declined to be a candidate for reelection. Yours truly was reelected President for a three year term.

San Antonio

In October I went to San Antonio and met with Arnold Tolkin, Bob and Carol Hayden, and Eric Soslau to see the convention hotel and make plans for the convention in May. (Judy Soslau, who is also assisting in the planning, had a prior commitment and was not able to get away for the day.) I had never been to San Antonio before. I spent two nights at the Sheraton Gunter Hotel, the convention site, and was hugely impressed with it. It is an old

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hotel that has just had \$11 million in renovations completed. The hotel is in downtown San Antonio and is within walking distance to most of the city's attractions.

San Antonio offers many interesting opportunities for exploration. The Alamo is about three blocks around the corner from the hotel. For years I have heard of the "riverwalk" in San Antonio and really had no appreciation for it until I saw it. What a delight! You can take a relaxing ride on a riverboat that cruises along the riverwalk.

The city has some great museums with the very popular Buckhorn Saloon & Museum literally across the street and one block down from the hotel.

For those who wish to extend their stay, there are some truly historic sights within a short distance of San Antonio, including Fredericksburg which was founded by German settlers in 1846, its old world charm and heritage are still very much evident today. Fredericksburg is also the home to the National Museum of the Pacific War. Originally named the Admiral Nimitz Museum, it is solely dedicated to telling the story of the Pacific Theater battles of WW II.

Another favorite area attraction is the Lyndon B. Johnson National Historic Park,

A bus tour of the former president's ranch is provided by the National Park Service.

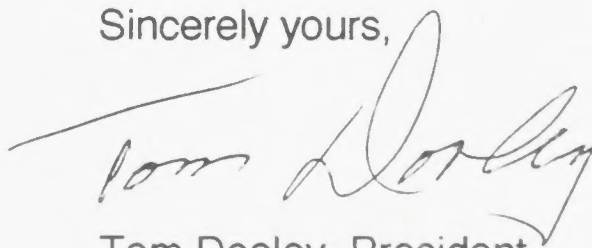
Historic Gruene near New Braunfels is only a short drive north of San Antonio. The town has many historic structures and provides ample opportunity to browse antique and speciality shops.

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Midwest Scale Collectors

The 5th annual meeting of the Midwest Scale Collectors was held on Saturday, October 12, 2002, at the home of James Deitrich in St. Charles Michigan. There were 14 present to discuss "scales", to partake of some great food and last, but not least, to view his vast collection. Jim has at least 1000 scales of all types from very large ones to very small postal scales, some of which are quite rare. The group was also privileged to see the collection of antique cash registers belonging to Jim's son. The meeting was a great success and plans are underway to hold next year's meeting at the new home of Utz and Shirley Schmidt. More news on this later when plans are finalized.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Tom Dooley". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned above the printed name.

Tom Dooley, President
ISASC

